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Mr. Dean Nygard, Bureau Chief Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Division of Environmental Quality Community Services 1410 N. Hilton Boise, ID 83706

SUBJECT: Transmittal of the Draft Proposed Plan for Waste Area Group 5 - (OPE-ER-27-99)

Dear Messrs. Pierre and Nygard:

This letter transmits the Draft Proposed Plan for Operable Unit 5-12, Waste Area Group (WAG) 5 at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL). Additional copies have been sent to your staff.

The WAG 5 Proposed Plan summarizes the essential information from the OU 5-12 Comprehensive RI/FS for the seven sites identified as having the potential for producing unacceptable human health or ecological risk, and which were evaluated in the FS. This information includes the environmental conditions at the site, descriptions of the remedial alternatives evaluated, identification of the preferred alternative, and provides a brief analysis that supports the preferred alternative in terms of the nine evaluation criteria.

If you have questions regarding the document, please call me at (208) 526-4392, or Kevin C. O'Neill at (208) 526-5455.

Sincerely,

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